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21 Competing For 15 Places On CLC Executive Board

REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

ANDERS INSISTS
Anders Larsen, recording secretary of Carpenters 36, told Central Labor Council delegates recently of a determined effort he made to have a union clerk wait on him.
First he asked the clerk who offered to wait on him if she belonged to the union.
"That doesn't make any difference," she replied, "any more than whether I'm a Democrat or Republican."
"Lady, it makes a lot of difference to ME," replied Brother Larsen.
He stuck to his point, finally getting hold of the manager, who told him there wasn't any union clerk working in that particular section that day, but there would be one Monday. In the meanwhile, there was no sale to Brother Larsen.

TELL THE STORE!
Bill Mullin, East Bay Labor Journal advertising manager, mentions another angle:
"We know that no business can survive without sales, and 75% of all the sales are to union people. So when you go into a store that advertises with East Bay Labor Journal, tell 'em you belong to a union family and saw their ad in this paper."
"That way and only that way can the store clearly realize it does get results by advertising in this paper."

IT ALL HELPS!
Your weekly paper that tells you the labor news gets its income from three sources: circulation, advertisements, and job printing.
As a member of an AFL union, the biggest help you can give us is to let the merchants who advertise in this paper, your paper, know that you saw their ad in this paper, your paper.
As an officer of a union, of course, you help by having job printing for the union done at our Journal Press shop.
It all helps!



CULINARY UNIONS WIN BROADER WELFARE BENEFITS. Shown above, lower left are: Bea Slettum, Culinary Workers' Alliance, Local 31; H. J. Badger, Cook's Union, Local 228, and upper left, Steve Revilak, Bartenders' Union, Local 52 looking over the announcement of the new Blue Cross program that will protect more than 10,000 union members in Alameda County. E. L. Merrill, (Right) Blue Cross labor relations representative, points to the benefits that will be effective February 1, 1955.

Schiavenza Re-elected State Officer Of IAM; Action on Proposed Measure

John T. Schiavenza, business representative of Oakland Production Workers 1566, was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the California Conference of Machinists at a first quarterly conference session held in Fresno from January 21-23. Re-elected with Schiavenza was R. E. Roberts, North Hollywood Aeronautical Lodge 727, trustee.
Other officers elected included John Anderson, San Francisco Auto Machinists 1305, president; A. L. Smith, Los Angeles Machinists 311, vice-president; and trustees Emmet Campion of San Francisco Production Workers 1327; and F. J. Donovan of Santa Monica Aeronautical Lodge 1578.
About 200 IAM delegates, representing over 100,000 union machinists, attended the conference and went on record opposed to proposed State legislation which would exclude from the protection of the Workmen's Compensation Act any persons with heart ailments and require that their condition be listed on their driver's licenses.
The driver's license requirement would stigmatize workers.

Culinary Workers' Negotiators Gain Welfare Benefits

Negotiations between the Culinary Unions, Culinary Workers Local No. 31, Bartenders Union Local No. 52 and Cooks Union Local No. 228 and the East Bay Restaurant Association and United Tavern Owners Association have resulted in new welfare benefits for union members and their family dependents effective February 1, 1955, according to H. J. Badger, spokesman of the Union Negotiating Committee.
Union members taking part in the discussions with H. J. Badger were Bea Slettum, Secretary of Culinary Workers Local No. 31, Steve Revilak, Secretary of Bartenders Local No. 52 and alternate delegates, Pat Sander of Cooks Union Local No. 228, Edrie Wright of Culinary Workers Local No. 31, Joe Canale of Bartenders Local No. 52.
The new benefits will include Blue Cross protection for union members and their family dependents. Dependents eligible are wife and unmarried children age 30 days to 19 years. Husbands of eligible members are not covered by the plan. The entire cost of the new program is paid by the employers through the recent contract negotiations.
Pamphlets covering the benefits are being mailed to the union members.

Geo. P. Miller On Another Committee

Congressman George P. Miller has been appointed to the Committee on Merchant Marine & Fisheries in the new Congress, and continues as a member of the Armed Services Committee. The two places are expected to keep him pretty busy.
Miller was pleased by the interest shown in Washington in the party given by President and Mrs. Eisenhower in honor of Democratic Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn. The Washington Post published a 5-column picture showing the Speaker and his sister, Miss Lucinda Rayburn.
Drew Pearson reports that the President said at the party he was glad Rayburn was back as Speaker, but that when he noticed a wry smile on the face of ex-Speaker Joe Martin, Republican, the President added with a grin: "Well... almost glad."

AFL Barbers Lash Critics of Union Pay Hike Request

C. A. Silva, secretary-treasurer of Barbers 134, lashed out this week at the holler-than-thou attitude of some working people who are needing AFL barbers for asking for an increase in wages.
"How would you like us to tell you how much you should make?" he declared in answer to critics who have voiced their complaints in letters to the Oakland Tribune.
"Sure we'd like to see prices as they were 40 years ago, but let's face it, times have changed and we believe that skilled craftsmen, which we are, deserve a decent wage as well as the next man," he said, adding, "the average wage of a union barber here is about \$65 a week BEFORE taxes."
The union is asking for an 11 cents an hour raise which, if granted, is expected to boost haircut prices by 25 cents. The present price for a union haircut is \$1.50.
Silva also took to task those critics who contend that because haircuts can be completed on the average in less than a half hour by skilled barbers that barbers generally were rolling in money even at present prices.
"These people," he said, "because they see barbers busy on evenings and Saturdays jump to the conclusion that we work every minute of every day. They couldn't be any further from the truth."
Silva, who has spent 42 years in the barber business, pointed out that of all the thousands of barbers he has known, only one ever retired with a pile of money.
"And that barber made his millions in oil not in the barbering trade," he added.

Cooks 228 Reelect All Incumbents

All officers of Cooks 228 were nominated then re-elected unanimously at a union meeting held here on January 20. Secretary H. J. (Hub) Badger was re-elected for a 2-year term while President Jack Faber and Vice-President Harry Goodrich were returned for 1-year.
Others re-elected included Trustees Oscar Anderson, Charles Weber and Leland Williams, and Executive Board Members Louis Borges, Bertha Dewing, Frank Dyanovich, Elizabeth Heberer, Roy Thompson, Johnny Welch and Jack Yezzag.

Son, Then Father Sign Butchers 120 Pacts

Father followed son in quick succession in signing separate contracts with Butchers 120 after a week-long union organizational picket line in front of Bill's Poultry at Pelton's Food Center in San Leandro, owned and operated by William Naugle the younger.
The elder Mr. Naugle, who owns and operates Bill's Poultry at Castro Village Center in Castro Valley, also signed with the union immediately after his son came to terms.

Scharrenberg Goes Out Feb. 1; Webb In

Paul Scharrenberg retires as State Industrial Relations Director, a post he has held since 1943, next week on Tuesday, February 1. Ernest B. Webb succeeds him in the important state position. Scharrenberg was secretary of the State Federation of Labor from 1909 to 1936, being succeeded then by Edward D. Vandeleur, who in turn was succeeded by C. J. Haggerty when Vandeleur died in 1943.
ACTING ABILITY and personality are cultivated each Thursday evening from 8 to 10 p.m. by a class in theater technique at the Technical Adult School, Broadway at 42nd St., Oakland, according to Henning Edlund, principal.

Print Specialties Win 2-Year Pact

Santa Clara Printing Specialties Local 612 announced the signing this week of a new 2-year agreement with the Sutherland Paper Co. of Santa Clara calling for a 5 to 17 cents hourly pay boost, improvements in the union health and welfare plan provisions and jury duty pay. The Sutherland Co. manufactures union label paper drinking cups.
The agreement, which becomes effective on February 19, also provides for reopening of the pact for wages and health and welfare at the end of the first year. There are some 100 unionists employed at the plant.
Negotiations on behalf of the union were conducted by Marshall Smith, Local 612 secretary; and John Ferro, secretary-treasurer of Oakland Printing Specialties 382.

Ron Weakley Elected To Head IBEW Group

Ron Weakley, business manager of Electricians 1245, was unanimously elected president of the Northern California Executive Conference for the coming year at a meeting held in Lafayette on January 8.
The conference is composed of representatives from all unions in Northern California affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Retail Prices in Area Lowest in 18 Months

The average level of retail prices in December 1954 was the lowest in 18 months in the San Francisco area, says Max D. Kossoris, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
The major change over the final quarter was a 2% drop in food prices.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.
PLASTERERS 112
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
STEAMFITTERS 342
PAINT MAKERS 1101

BTC Is Pleased As Tony Rossi & Sons Signs a Union Pact

After months of picketing and negotiations, Tony Rossi and Sons, operators of a florist shop at 1508 Fruitvale Ave., are now displaying the union shop card of Gardeners 1206.
This welcome bit of information was reported to the Building Trades Council this week by Business Representative J. L. Childers.
The latest signing makes a total of four florist shops that have reached agreements with Local 1206 in the past few weeks. The other three shops (now unionized) are Key Route Florists, McKenzie Flower Bowl and Ernest Rossi's brand new shop at 1920 Broadway.
Childers stated that Local 1206 is continuing its vigorous campaign to organize all florists in this area. That campaign, he added, will continue to merit the wholehearted cooperation of the BTC and all organized labor.
The council's "splendid cooperation" in the signing of Tony Rossi and Sons was a sincere "thank you" letter from Bill Norman, Local 1206 business representative.

Recessed Legislature Hearing From Labor on 9 Major Topics

This week was the first of the five-week recess taken by the Legislature before it reconvenes Monday, February 28, for the period it is supposed to get down to business on the proposals made during the session which ended Friday of last week.
During this recess labor people are getting in touch with members of the Legislature to call to their attention bills in which labor is particularly interested.
Some of the controversies in which organized labor is interested are the following nine:
1—JOBLESS INSURANCE—Seventeen AFL bills have been introduced, and 77 bills are backed by State Employment Director William Burkett which many labor people claim are intended to wreck the program under the pretense that they are merely aimed at chiseling. The State Federation of Labor is asking that jobless pay be raised to a maximum of \$50 in place of the present \$30. Governor Knight has made no proposal for an increase.
2—DISABILITY INSURANCE—AFL has introduced 11 measures, and is asking present weekly maximum for temporary disability of \$35 be boosted \$15. Knight proposes only \$5 increase. State AFL asks boost of \$20 on the present \$30 weekly maximum for permanent disability. Knight proposes only \$5 increase.
3—WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION—State AFL has introduced 14 measures. Knight has made one proposal in this connection generally approved by labor—that the widow of a worker killed in an industrial accident, if she has children, should receive \$17,000 maximum instead of the present \$8750.
4—TAXATION—Knight has already signed a bill, passed in the first session, continuing the 6-cent gasoline tax until 1960. Knight has proposed several other sales taxes, notably on beer, liquor, cigarettes, other forms of tobacco, and horse racing.
5—CHILD CARE, MENTAL CLINICS—A determined drive to kill State support of child care centers is on, and also an effort to have the State withdraw from support of community mental clinics. Working mothers and smaller-income families with members mentally disturbed view this with apprehension. Knight has made no proposal for continued child care.
6—WATER RESOURCES—Efforts by big farmers and private utilities to corner the water resources and to exclude Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown from careful legal checking of water schemes were manifest in the session just ended, and are expected to burst forth fully in the next one.
7—EDUCATION—Senator George Miller, Democrat, Richmond, proposes to increase the minimum annual salary of teachers from \$3400 to \$4200. Legislation nullifying the "gag rule" in San Francisco which now prevents teachers participating in political campaigns has been introduced, and is strongly supported by Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation of Labor.
8—ELECTION LAWS—Among bills introduced is one eliminating crossfiling, and one requiring rigorous detailed accounting of campaign funds, both of which are of great interest to organized labor.
9—ALAMEDA COUNTY—Legislation concerning smog control, the proposed new bridges across the Bay, county Civil Service, microfilming of records, an East Bay transit district, the conflict between East Bay Municipal Utilities District and subdividers, with considerable controversy over all of these subjects, are also in the mill.

Present Officers Have No Opponents At 1st Nomination

First nominations for officers and standing committee members of the Central Labor Council were made at the meeting this week, second and final nominations will be made at next week's meeting, and on February 7 the election will be held.
No contests were launched this week against the incumbent officers, who under amendments to the council constitution just adopted will hold office for three years instead of the present one-year term.
But new candidates were nominated for places on the executive committee and other standing committees which will continue to be subject to annual elections. Committee nominations were:
LAW & LEGISLATIVE (5 places)—Robert S. Ash, CLC secretary; H. J. Badger, Cooks 228; Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432; Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36; Jeffery Cohelan, Milk Drivers 302. Ash, Badger, and Benham are incumbents. Frank A. De Martini, Teamsters 70, incumbent, declined nomination; W. A. Spooner, Culinary 31, the highly respected former secretary of the council, also an incumbent, was not renominated due to being laid up as the result of an injury some time ago.
INVESTIGATING (5 places)—Floyd Attaway, Bartenders & Culinary 823; A. J. Hayes, Automotive Machinists 1546; Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36; E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters 55; James Murphy, Bartenders 52; Duncan Ross, Mailers 18; Herbert H. Sims, Engineers 39. Attaway, Hightower, McNamara, and Murphy are incumbents. Incumbent Frank O. Brantley of Engineers 39 was not a candidate for reelection, and nominated his colleague Sims. Nominations were declined by William F. York, Teamsters Automotive Employees 78, and by Pete Ceremello, Paint Makers 1101.
FRATERNAL DELEGATE to the Building Trades Council—T. J. Roberts, Engineers 39, incumbent, was renominated, and then the nominations were closed with a shout of Ayes, as Roberts is one of the oldest, best known, and most persistently active members of the labor movement here.
STATE FED CONVENTION Delegates—Ash, incumbent, was nominated. His co-delegate for some years, Edwin A. Clancy, Newsdrivers 96, died recently. Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36, who for years was co-delegate with Ash to the State Federation convention, but who dropped out when he became Acting Postmaster of Oakland, was nominated.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (15 places)—Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432; Al Brown, Milk Drivers 302; Tom Connor, Wirehousemen 853; Russell Crowell, Cleaners 23; Frank A. De Martini, Teamsters 70; Herbert Denk, Bakers 119; Harry Duggan, Bakers 119-C; Jno. Ferro, Printing Specialties 382; Charles Gorn, Linoleum Layers 1290; Edna Lallement, Building Service Employees 18; Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2; Ed Merritt, Automotive Machinists 1546; Leslie Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; Pat Sander, Cooks 228; Joe Seane, Chemical Workers 62; Vern Stambaugh, Carmen 192; S. E. Thornton, Butchers 120; Harris Wilkin, (Continued on Page 4)

HOUSING UNITS

The local council concurred in a resolution adopted by the Contra Costa BTC seeking a change in the present Government policy of dismantling and selling obsolete war housing units.
Specifically, the resolution urges the Public Housing Authority to recognize the policy in the sale of all war housing units, "the Bacon-Davis minimum wage determination (Continued on Page 4)

Roosevelt Day Sunday, Jan. 30

This coming Sunday, January 30, would have been Franklin D. Roosevelt's 73d birthday.
In the hearts and minds of labor people that is Roosevelt Day, whether it is officially and formally recognized as such.
"Franklin Roosevelt," says the Weekly Machinist, "occupies a place in our history beside George Washington and Abraham Lincoln as a leader who came to the American people in a time of great crisis and led them through."
The Los Angeles Citizen, publication of the Central Labor Council in that city, reported in its January 21 issue, "By unanimous vote of the

Haggerty: 'Knight Disowns Burkett'; 'Governor Sidestepping,' Says Others

The storm of protests by organized labor continued to gather this week around the head of William Burkett, Governor Knight's Director of Employment.
Two hundred delegates attending the quarterly session of the California Conference of Machinists at Fresno expressed strong dissatisfaction with Burkett's conduct of his office.
John T. Schiavenza, Lodge 1566, secretary-treasurer of the Machinists' State organization representing 100,000 members, called "fantastic" Burkett's claim that nearly half the unemployment insurance benefit claims paid in a San Francisco office were fraudulent.
"This climaxes a series of highly exaggerated charges of claim chiseling which have been issued from the mouth of this man ever since he took office," said Schiavenza. "Machinists join with other California unions in requesting that Governor Knight exercise the authority of his office in correcting the cause for such malpractice."
The San Francisco Labor Council, as previously reported in East Bay Labor Journal, has demanded that Knight fire Burkett.
C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor, in his capacity of secretary of the State Labor League for Po-

Labor Unions Help Locate American Indians In Jobs Here

By PAUL LIPPMAN
unions have been able to win at many local plants.
Lay cited the case of an Indian who broke his leg while on the job. When the injured man learned that the union's health and welfare plan took care of the tremendous expense involved, he became a union fan for life.
The fact, too, that 90 percent of the Indian arrivals here earn the highest wages they ever made is another favorable factor in the Indians' opinion of labor unions, Lay stated.
The local relocation chief also found praise for the fine response his office has received from employers and individuals who wished to give the newcomers a new economic lease on life.
"Employers here have been most helpful in finding jobs for our charges," he declared, "and as for private individuals, many of them have indicated their desires to help the Indians get settled as next-door neighbors."
Lay related that his office staff, consisting of five government employees, have been successful so far in finding jobs for six Indians every week, the maximum number of Indians sent to this area each week under the program. According to Lay, his office has placed stenographers, file clerks, drill press operators, riveters, accountants, typists, welders, carpenters, and dozens of other types of workers in various industries.
He urged local employers and unions who can use the services of hard-working, conscientious Indians who have chosen to come here voluntarily to contact his office at 1515 Clay Street, TWInoaks 3-6330, Ext. 490.

HOW TO BUY

Practical Nurse Wages Deducted

By SYDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Here are questions from five readers involving income tax deductions and the purchasing of household goods and equipment. The first tax question concerns medical deductions:

"We have a practical nurse staying 24 hours a day six days a week. Your article stated that costs of board for a practical nurse are deductible. We pay her \$25 a week. What part of the \$25 can be deducted as her board?"

—C.R.M., Wellsville, O.

You can deduct not only the \$25 a week of wages but the cost of her board too. By "board" is meant her food and any housing expense directly attributable to her stay. Other families should note that when anyone gets sick, the wages and board of a nurse, including a practical nurse, are a deductible medical expense, but not those for a household worker who is not a nurse.

HURRICANE DAMAGE: "The granite monument on the grave of my parents was toppled and broken in several places by Hurricane Carol. The repairs will involve a minimum of \$200. The Internal Revenue office here tells me that no part of the repair cost is deductible from income because the deduction involves the market value of the property before and after disaster and a monument has no market value."

Mrs. T.Z.G., Woodland Hills, Calif.

This department consulted a leading tax attorney who feels the monument does have at least some market value and therefore the damage should be deductible. You have the right of informal appeal from such a ruling (your local Internal Revenue office will explain the procedure).

An appeal to the Tax Court is also possible, but might involve more legal expense than the potential tax saving. Other victims of hurricane damage, as to shrapnel, for example, should prepare now to gather objective evidence of the damage to support deductions on forthcoming tax returns. Such evidence should include appraisals of the damage and of the value of the property before and after by qualified experts, especially if the damage was extensive; also, repair bills and photos of the damage if feasible.

CARPETS: "We intend buying wall-to-wall carpeting in February. We are buying a quality brand through a union discount association and checking the prices. We know we are getting a legitimate buy. However, I saw a rayon carpet which was quite inexpensive compared to the wool carpet we chose. I had always thought of rayon as a

When Trib Fired 4 The No. 5 Man Quit!

After World War I, when the AFL International Typographical Union held the jurisdictional right to organize newspaper writers, the Oakland Tribune fired 4 of the 6 editorial department men who had joined up.

The remaining two of the 6 decided it was time to get out and look for jobs elsewhere. One of these two, Bill Grattan, having reached the age of 65, has just retired from the San Francisco News and is now living in Clear Lake, taking a bus man's holiday by editing a paper in those parts.

Grattan's second experience with newspaper journalism was more successful. He was on the Post-Enquirer of Oakland, now extinct, at the time the Newspaper Guild was formed, and became chairman of that paper's unit and later president of the whole Guild in this area. His wife, Dorothy, was formerly office secretary of the Guild.

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hard-wearing material, but we do not wish to be pound foolish by buying an inferior product to save \$100."

—Mrs. G.H., Redwood City, Calif.

If properly constructed good-quality rayon rugs have fair durability, although wool rugs have greater durability quality for quality than those made of other fibers. This department would not recommend that you buy wall-to-wall carpeting.

A room-size rug of the same quality not only costs less, but can be turned around to distribute wear. You will appreciate this a few years from now when the wall-to-wall carpeting begins to look shabby in the traffic lanes. Also, a rug can be sent out for cleaning, which is more satisfactory than cleaning it on the floor as must be done with permanently-attached carpeting.

Household Hints

Splinters, etc.

Splinters left from a broken glass or other piece of glassware can be picked up easily by wiping the area where the glass has broken with absorbent cotton or moist paper.

You can tighten wood screws that have worked loose by removing the screw and wrapping a few strands of fine steel wool around the threads. Set the screw back and it should be okay.

Ink stains in concrete can often be removed by covering them with pieces of flannel which has been soaked in ammonia.

Always check to make sure that your pet's license or identification tag is securely fastened to his collar or harness, and see that these labels are clean and clearly visible. Whenever you brush, wash, or clean your pet, suds the tag with soapy water.

If you have an automatic dryer, use it before as well as after laundering large pieces like slipcovers and draperies. The advance tumbling helps to loosen and blow surface dirt from the fabric. This permits the soap-suds to do a more efficient job.

Labor Monthly Reviews Strike and Suspension Of Guiana Constitution

J. A. Whitlock, labor advisor to the British Consulate-General, calls attention to a review in Labor, the British Trade Union Congress' monthly publication, of a report by the Royal Commission which investigated the circumstances leading to the suspension of the Constitution in British Guiana. George Woodcock, a labor union official, was one of the three members of the commission.

The report shows that a political group engineered the splitting of the established trade union organization in the country, then when this political group won an election, pulled a strike which lasted 23 days, and finally failed.

Then a labor relations bill was introduced which the report says "the trade unions of any democratic country would find in most of its details totally unacceptable."

The home government in London then cracked down, and, it might be added, the People's World here raised a great clamor.

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Child-Rearing

Family Table

An official of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL) says that the passing of the American dining room with its large family table is a factor in juvenile delinquency.

Selma Borchardt, Washington, D. C., vice president and legislative representative, says that family influence has declined with the passing of the dining room from the American scene.

"Many homes today do not have dining rooms, nor even kitchen tables large enough for family mealtime conferences," she said.

"The catch-as-catch-can food supply for youth, from can to stove to gulp-down or perhaps from icebox directly down is a part of the loss of family discipline."

"Teachers wish that parents could have more time together with their children, as a family. We believe it would reduce the school discipline problem."

News About Women

Women Pastors

Methodist Church women have begun an intensive campaign to obtain full clergy rights for those of their sex who had selected the ministry as a vocation.

According to the best available statistics there are about 350 women who have been ordained as "lay preachers" in the Methodist Church. They can administer the sacraments and preach in pulpits assigned to them by district superintendents.

They cannot "demand" an assignment from the Bishop, however, as is the right of a fully-ordained male clergyman. Nor can they participate in ministerial pension plans, since they are not full fledged members of a Methodist "conference."

Catholic Weekly Writer Says 'Right to Work' Is Despicable Lying Term

Genevieve Nicholson calls attention to an excellent article, "Right to Work Laws," in the January 21 issue of the Monitor, Catholic weekly published in San Francisco. Joseph Breig says in concluding his article:

"Finally, I dislike 'right-to-work' laws for the profoundly moral reason that their very name is a lie. They are not 'right-to-work' laws."

"They are laws designed in the first instance to tempt workers to enjoy union benefits without helping to preserve them, and in the long run to leave the workers unprotected so that they may be fleeced."

'55 Spring Garden Show Is to Have New Format

Plans for the 1955 Oakland Spring Garden Show billed April 29 through May 6 have been outlined by Edward T. Foulkes, president of the show's board of directors.

An entirely new and different format will underline the 23rd annual edition of the world famed spectacle, Foulkes said.

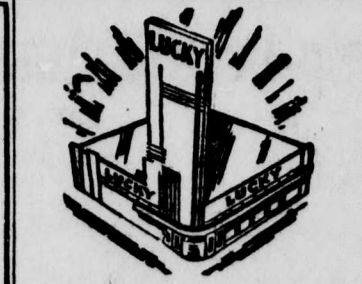
Craftsmen Ask \$110,000 Damages From Cop, City

Peter E. Moale, an electrician, and Jack Friedland, a machinist, have asked a total of \$110,000 in claims filed against the City of Oakland and Police Officer Peter LeMond.

Moale charges that he was unlawfully arrested, and Friedland that he was so severely beaten by the policeman that he required medical attention.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

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FROM THE EDITOR To The Ladies:

PARENTS should provide a quiet well lighted place for a child to do his school homework, and should take the attitude that the doing of this homework is important.

The above paragraph contains the substance of one section of a report on homework made by a school administrator to a board of education in this State.

A QUIET PLACE: Many a home, we fear, has no such place. Many a home is in such tumult that a kid trying to do homework might as well go down to a boiler-making establishment for a little peace and quiet.

Moreover, many parents simply do not take the attitude that a kid's homework is important. They figure that all that ought to be done at school, and there's no sense in having the home cluttered up with a kid unhappily chewing a pencil and asking for help in getting the elusive answer.

CONCENTRATION is the essential in the habit of study. Any parent who fails to give the child a chance to learn how to sit down and concentrate on the problem in hand is doing that child grievous harm.

And that's just what homework does: it gives the child a chance to develop the habit of concentration, of really applying the mind to the problem.

Suffridge Starts Clerks TV Program

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Sponsorship of a new TV program known as "Celebrity Parade" was announced by James A. Suffridge, executive secretary of the Retail Clerks International Association.

The program features interviews with leading public figures by Drew Pearson, newspaper columnist and Joseph McCaffery, commentator, and is telecast over Station WMAL-TV in the nation's capital, where the union's headquarters are now located.

On the opening half-hour program, Sens. Mike Mansfield and Richard Neuberger were interviewed.

Food Industry Layoffs Cause Employment Drop

California Manufacturing employment decreased seasonally in December to 1,030,700 wage and salary workers, 14,600 below November, Paul Scharenberg, California Director of Industrial Relations has announced.

The food products industry accounted for most of the November-December decline, but seasonal contraction also was registered in lumber, fabricated metal products, stone, clay, and glass products, and chemicals.

IPP Must Decide If It Is to Die, or Crawl On

The Communist Daily People's World announces that its favorite public political group, the Independent Progressive Party, will have a meeting of its executive committee January 30 "to decide formally the party's fate."

The IPP in the last election got so few votes it goes off the ballot in California, so the PW says it "must decide whether to disband or attempt to stay in business."

ARTHUR H. HOGAN, a member of Bottlers' 896, passed away at Felton on January 19 at age 70 leaving his widow, Mildred.

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Knowland & Nixon Circus Discussed

Joseph C. Harsch, Christian Science Monitor, writes in that paper that "it would take a Shakespeare to locate and identify and dramatize to the fullest the complex and subtle qualities of human personality which make two gentlemen of California (instead of Verona) the central figures in the liveliest continuing drama of Washington today."

Harsch is referring, of course, to Knowland and Nixon. He says that since the last campaign Nixon has faded a bit, owing to the hostility Democrats feel toward him because of his method of campaigning. Knowland, says Harsch, is "personally liked among Democrats," but the White House is removing Nixon from Washington for a time this winter, on a goodwill tour in Central America to "give Democrats a chance to cool off."

Harsch notes, too, that Governor Knight is beginning to be a factor in the game.

LEONARD STANISLAUS, a member of Laborers 304, passed away in San Leandro on January 15 at age 56 leaving his widow, Alma May; a son, Donald; a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Routh; brothers, Kenneth and Woodrow; and sisters, Gladys Clominger and Mrs. Alma Jones.

ANN DENISE MATSUMOTO, all 6 lbs and 6 1/2 ozs of her, was born on January 10 at Hayward Hospital to Mrs. Tommy Matsumoto. Tommy, a member of Retail Clerks 870, is produce manager at Safeway 469 in San Leandro.

WALLACE W. BOSWELL, a member of Musicians 6, died here on January 23 at age 31 leaving his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Boswell.

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I.A.M. BUILDING GOING UP—Above is the architect's conception of how the new \$183,000 headquarters and auditorium will look when it is completed sometime in the near future. The project, now under construction, was organized by the International Association of Machinists Building Association, Inc., of Alameda County which is composed of I.A.M. Locals 284, 1518 and 1566. Site of the new building is on Castro St. between 12th and 15th Sts. (Photo Courtesy of Oakland Tribune).

Here's Tax Story: Read it and Weep!

The American Federation of Labor has put out a thin but dynamic booklet entitled "Who Gets the Tax Cuts?" It analyzes the effects of the 1954 tax cuts made by the Republican Congress.

On personal income tax reduction, the booklet shows: 33 million taxpayers earning LESS than \$5000 yearly will receive approximately \$925 million in tax reduction. The average tax saving per person for a family of three would be \$9 or a tax saving per family of \$27. But 11 million taxpayers earning MORE than \$5000 yearly will receive approximately \$2065 million in tax reductions. The average tax saving per person for a family of three would be \$62 or a tax saving per family of \$186.

Early Hearings on Postal Pay Asked

Local labor people interested in seeing postal employees get a break on a pay raise during this session of Congress are writing to Congressmen John J. Allen, Jr. and George P. Miller, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.; and to Senators William F. Knowland and Thomas H. Kuchel, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

They are asking in their letters for early salary hearings in both House and Senate Committees on Post Office and Civil Service.

Lincolmites Attacked

California Teamsters Legislative Council in Sacramento says reactionaries are making bitter attack on Assemblymen from Southern California who voted for Luther H. Lincoln, (R., Oakland), for Speaker.

JOHN M. PORRITT, a member of Molders 164, passed away here on January 20 at age 66 leaving his widow, Ellen M.; sons, Jack T., Leslie A., Marvin M., and Leonard J.; daughters, Mrs. William Larkins and Mrs. Manuel G. Gonsalves; and 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ALEXANDER MAULE, a member of Upholsterers 3, passed away here on January 22 at age 79 leaving his widow, Eva; daughters, Mrs. Margaret Norris and Mrs. Helen Frechette; and five grandchildren.

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Mrs. Ruth Jones, a young homemaker of Los Angeles, California, cooks her own version of feljoada, the Brazilian bean dish, not only when she is in the mood for economy, but also for entertaining modestly. For this zestily seasoned combination of black beans, hot sausage and beef, served over rice and accompanied by sliced fresh oranges, is as practical for an informal buffet as it is kind to a flattened purse.

Mrs. Jones is the daughter of Conrad Nagel, the actor who now spends much time in New York. It was through Mr. Nagel, himself a good cook, that we first heard of feljoada. — New York Times.

UNSEGREGATED subdivision 2 miles north of new Ford plant in Milpitas may be built by Joe Kaufmann, CIO-UAW says 100 white workers have already filed applications for houses there if it is built. The only unsegregated subdivision now in Northern California is at Stockton.

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Oakland Telephone Man Auxiliary Fire Chief

A battalion chief in the auxiliary fire division in the Oakland civil defense fire service is Harry King, Oakland PEX repairman. Harry joined the group in November, 1950, as an auxiliary fireman. Since then he has taken intensive training in basic and advanced fire fighting, first aid, radiological monitoring, driving, and pumping a fire rig, and fire department radio communication.



No Alaska Work For Steamfitters

By JIM MARTIN

The office has had many requests from various members as to the work situation in Alaska at present and in the near future. Business Manager Jack Fricke of United Association Local 375 of Fairbanks, Alaska has advised this office that there are a number of radar stations to be built in Alaska but that at the present time they have only six men employed at these stations and they are not far enough along for the contractor to house any men. Very few members are working due to the extreme cold weather. There are between 250 and 300 men, whose cards are in Local 375, that are out of work at this time. In the agreement with the contractors, all men needed after Local 375 men have been dispatched will be procured from sister Local Unions in the States and transportation and travel time will be paid by the contractor.

Brother Fricke also states that last year over a hundred members of the United Association came into the jurisdiction of Local 375 without being called for and with no assurance of work becoming available and had to return to the States. This work situation may clear up by May of this year but before any of the members of Local 342 think of going to Alaska be sure to check with our office.

It will not be long before the deadline of April 15, 1955 rolls along and we know that it means filing of income tax returns. At various times our office has been requested to give information pertaining to filing of returns, such as, travel allowance, etc. Now, as you know, the office does not have this type of information and it is suggested for your own protection that you seek this advice from the nearest office of internal revenue or the tax consultant that makes up your income tax return so that you may be rightfully informed in accordance with the law.

The work situation remains good in this area at the present time.

Holder Benefit Drawing March 25

The benefit drawing for Barney Holder's carpenter's tools will be held on Friday, March 25 at 8 p.m. at Carpenter's Hall, 761 - 12th Street. Announcement of the drawing was made here by Roy W. Smith, dispatcher for Carpenter Local 36.

Holder is the popular trustee of Local 36 who recently suffered extensive serious injuries after being run down by a car driven by two drunken teen-age girls. He suffered the amputation of one leg, a severe fracture of the other leg and several internal injuries which will keep him hospitalized for at least another 15 months.

Officers of Local 36 said they would like to take this opportunity to thank the Central Labor and Building Trades Councils for "a great job" in helping to raise several thousands of dollars to pay for Holder's hospital expenses.

East Bay Men on Safety Conference's Committee

Two East Bay men are members of the coordinating committee for the California Industrial Conference to be held in Los Angeles February 3-4. They are:

Vernon L. Pankey, secretary-treasurer, State Council of Cannery Workers, affiliate of the Teamsters.

Hillard B. Wilson, executive secretary to the Oakland city manager.

Fox Theater Rule Riles Union Here

By JOE CONNELLY

In response to the members who have inquired about Fox West Coast Theaters recently inaugurated plan of charging a 10 cents service charge on employees passes, we wish to point out that there has been no contractual violation of the agreement as far as the union is concerned.

From what we have been able to learn it emanated from the main office and the local houses are just carrying out the dictates of the executives in Southern California.

The business office of the union did not receive a single courtesy call from any executives of the company advising our membership or the officers of the action.

Local executives of the company are alleged to have made some exception in eliminating the charge to other executives.

In other words, the vastly underpaid usher and usherettes will be the largest group affected. The eighty-seven and one-half cents and ninety-two and one-half cents an hour person is the primary target of this practice. It will also apply to candy counter attendants, door-men and cashiers, who in some isolated cases make as high as \$1.25 an hour.

Just what the revenue is to be used for we don't know, but there was some mention made of the EMPLOYEES WELFARE FUND!

If Fox is concerned about the employees welfare we will be glad to meet with them in establishing a genuine health and welfare plan.

Historically, in the majority of theaters throughout the country it has been the policy of theaters to recognize employees of other houses, when seats were available and to make no admission charge. There were some abuses made of this inter-passing program by theater employees, and perhaps Fox thinks they can control it in this manner.

Anyone who has ever worked any length of time around a theater knows that there are a number of passes necessary to the business, such as those given for advertising purposes, etc. They also know that many people are passed through the door because the manager parks his car in a nearby lot and recognizing the income bracket of the lot attendant, invites him to see the show. Perhaps it's a newspaperboy or a shoe shine attendant or it may be a politician. There never has been a service charge or tax collected in many of these cases. Not to mention the crasher, and we mean the side door crasher, who not only does not pay, but makes it miserable for those who do because he generally isn't interested in seeing a show, he's looking for trouble.

Machinists Stress Oakland in Weekly

The Weekly Machinist published on the first page of its January 29 issue a picture of Grand Lodge Representative John J. King and his family, reprinted by courtesy of the Oakland Tribune.

The Machinist cited the fact that King is "the first labor member ever appointed to the Oakland, Calif., Board of Education."

On its second page the Machinist published a picture of "this modern I.A.M. building, now under construction in downtown Oakland."

CTU Aids City of Hope

Members of Commercial Telegraphers 208 have voluntarily contributed \$73.60 to the labor-backed City of Hope, the non-sectarian, non-profit cancer hospital and research center in Duarte, California.



Plasterers 112

Members of the above Local are hereby notified that a special called meeting will be held in the Labor Temple on Thursday, February 3, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of electing and financing delegates to attend the International Union convention which is scheduled to be held in Buffalo, N. Y. on May 16, 1955.

Convention delegates must be elected at this meeting.
Fraternally,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hayward Painters 1178

Friday, February 4, our next meeting will be called to order for the discussion of such business as may regularly come before it. We hope to see you there.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters 342

This is to remind you to be sure to attend the Special Called meeting on February 3, 1955 as the Resolution for the increase of dues will be acted upon.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Business Manager

Paint Makers 1101

A report on the "stale-mated" contract negotiations was made by the Union's Committee at the regular meeting, January 18. It was noted that there are no meetings now being held, or even scheduled, to talk over new contract terms.

As a result the members at the January 18 meeting voted to call a SPECIAL MEETING for 8 p.m. MONDAY, JANUARY 31, 1955 in HALL "M" of the A. F. of L. Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California, for the purpose of considering and taking action on the entire matter of negotiations.

Fraternally,
JACK KOPKE,
Representative

Court Divided In Cutter Lab Case

East Bay Labor people wish to keep the Commies in check and at the same time earnestly desire to maintain civil rights are greatly interested in the State Supreme Court's 4 to 3 decision upholding the right of Cutter Laboratories of Berkeley to fire Doris Walker as a Communist.

The court majority, Justices Schauer, Shenk, Edmonds, and Spence, reversed an arbitration board and a Superior Court ruling that Mrs. Walker should be rehired in order to conform to the contract with the independent United Office and Professional Workers.

The court majority held that the employer has a right "to discharge employees who upon the established facts are dedicated to be disloyal to him."

The court minority, Chief Justice Gibson and Justices Traynor and Carter, declared that "by judicial fiat, but without the temerity to declare that Communists are deprived of civil rights, the court abrogates not only the right of employers and unions to contract for the employment of Communists, but the right of Communists as a class to enter into binding contracts."

JOSEPH WALTER ANDREWS, a member of Plumbers 444, passed away here on January 1 at age 51 leaving his widow, Bonnie L.; his mother, Mrs. Mary Andrews; sons, Kenneth and Perry; a daughter, Mrs. Ward Russo; brothers, Harry, Richard and Bud; and a sister Mrs. Esther Garybene.

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Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Halt Unethical Ads

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

If you read the column last week, you can readily understand my concern over the Carbone case in Burlingame.

Last week we were fortunate in having a \$4.00 watch repair sign removed from the jewelry store next to the Fox Theater on Market Street, San Francisco. We also made a visit to a jeweler in Hayward who had opened a new store and was running a \$5.50 watch repair advertisement in the Shopping News in that area. I believe we will have the cooperation of the aforementioned stores, as I have been assured that the unethical advertising will not occur again.

You can now understand my concern over the Carbone situation, because if he and his type have their way, we would have no right to even visit, let alone correct unethical practices such as listed above.

SAN JOSE MEETING NOTICE: The next membership meeting in San Jose will be held on Tuesday, February 1 at 8 p.m.—Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa Street, San Jose.

Dinner Will Honor Pat Brown Feb. 19

Leonard Dieden, Oakland attorney, is a co-chairman of the California Democratic Council's testimonial dinner honoring California Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown.

Time: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, February 19. Place: Mart Club, 9th and Market, San Francisco. Price: \$10. Reservations: 6th floor, 212 Sutter street, San Francisco; DO 2-7020.

Here's a Bill That Is Short and Sweet, Say Government Employees

Government Standard, publication of the AFL American Federation of Government Employees, calls attention to "one of the shortest, simplest and most important bills" introduced by Senator Olin D. Johnston, chairman, Post Office & Civil Service Committee.

The full text of the bill is as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all civil service employees of the United States Government may retire after 30 years of service, regardless of their age, and when so doing shall receive full retirement benefits."

Local Unionist Wins Print Design Contest

John F. Bethune, a member of Typographical 36, won third and fourth prizes for his artistic efforts in a design contest sponsored by a printing trade magazine, The Inland Printer.

The contest was based on the most original and pleasing designs for matched business letterheads and envelopes.

More on Relief

Alameda County Welfare Director S. H. Thompson: 5829 persons on general relief January 18, 714 more than a month ago, 947 more than a year ago.

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Local Steamfitter Finds, Reds, Lords In English Unions

Herbert A. Perry, Steamfitters 342, now in London studying on a scholarship, informs East Bay Labor Journal that most English labor people find it hard to believe "when I tell them that all overtime is double time in the building trades in the Bay Area. The building trades in England do not have a closed shop or hiring halls and journeymen of all crafts get the same basic rate."

"Some of the extremes within these building trade unions are a little startling to an American. I have met Communists holding down elective offices in plumbers' locals and there are Communists in higher office also. The general secretary of the electricians' union, killed recently in an auto accident, was an active Communist."

"The great bulk of the membership are, of course, Socialists, and support the Labor Party. There is a small, but vocal, conservative element in these unions, and they are at present being wooed by the Conservative Party which is trying to form an organization of Conservative trade unionists."

"Another interesting aspect of the trade union movement is the number of trade unionists who have become titled. There are about 12 who have become Lords; this was done when the Labor Party was in power. I have seen a letterhead of the National Joint Council for the Building Industry, with the employers' representative being a Mr. J. Jones and the building trades' representative a Sir Richard Coppock, C. B. E."

"Despite all these seemingly un-union like aspects the building trades are very well organized and are strong. They have working rules which the employers abide by, and negotiate for the great bulk of the industry."

Ultra-Americanner Gang Scares Them.

When ultra-Americanners attacked the Girl Scout leaders for statements in the Girl Scout Handbook, here are some of the changes that were made:

Original: Start now by making friends among those you think you do not like.

Revision: Start now by making friends.

Original: You are preparing yourself for world citizenship.

Revision: You are preparing yourself to be a friend to all.

Original: Tea is exported by China.

Revision: Tea is exported by India.

"The bill is called S-1," says he, "meaning that it's Senate Bill No. 1 in the 84th Congress."

It was introduced by Senator Olin D. Johnston, Democrat, South Carolina.



PRINTING TRADES AWARD—Bert Lependorf (left), member of Oakland Typographical Union No. 36, is shown receiving a U. S. Savings Bond as winner of the monthly union label contest sponsored by the East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council. Presentation was made Wednesday by C. Roy Heinrichs, Council secretary-treasurer.

Teamster Report Says Ike, Atlee Will Win, Unemployment Increase

January issue of Teamsters' Report from Washington, which the Journal of Commerce has called "one of the best monthly tip sheets on politics," makes these predictions:

1—Adlai will try for the Democratic candidacy, but Ike will "run again and will be elected—

but the Democrats will take the Senate and House. This has never happened before."

2—In England, in the next election, "Labor will gain, probably squeak through with Atlee again Prime Minister."

Atlee will have to "go further to the left to mollify malcontents within his party, thus straining British-U.S. ties."

3—Employment in the U. S. will "not drop over much, but unemployment will mount due to increased productivity and the entrance of 800,000 youngsters into labor force. If unemployment shows a steady increase "you can count on New Dealish legislation with Administration approval."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Printers Auxiliary Plans Meeting Feb. 3

By Muriel J. Pfaffenberger Press Correspondent

Regular meeting of W. A. No. 26 will be held Thursday, February 3, 1955, at the home of Mrs. Katherine Allen, 16210 Via Primero, San Lorenzo, Browning 6-3104.

All those wishing to attend and in need of a ride be sure to contact the several members who have cars:—Evelyn Wolters, Mary Farley, Alma Strong, Mary Stapleton, Muriel Pfaffenberger.

Business meeting 10:30 with luncheon to follow so be sure and try to make this a big day for Katherine.

Ethel Gray is our newest Grandma. Congratulations to the happy family with Evelyn and George the new mom and daddy to baby Barbara Ann, born January 7, 1955.

CONGRESSMAN SHELLEY of San Francisco, former president of the State Federation of Labor, may quit Congress and take a \$40,000 job as legislative representative in Washington for East Coast shipowners. He announced he was offered the job, and said he had two weeks to make up his mind.

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Editor, Labor Journal:

I would like to include my protest with that of other A. F. of L. members over the dismissal of Frank Edwards. We always enjoyed his news commentaries and think they were more penetrating than those of his successor.

Who was responsible for his dismissal and to whom should I address a letter of protest?

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM BAUM
1165 Arch Street
Berkeley 8, Calif.

Jan. 15
Editor's Note: President George Meany, American Federation of Labor, 901 Massachusetts Avenue N. W., Washington 1, D. C., is the one authorized source of information on this subject.

FASCISTS

One of the perennial and generally justified complaints by Latin Americans against the United States is that we will do anything to combat communism, but nothing to combat fascism, even though we want to encourage democracy in Latin America. When it was learned that Guatemala was acquiring, by purchase, a load of arms from behind the Iron Curtain we roused the whole hemisphere. Now that one of the most complete dictatorships in Latin America (Nicaragua) acquires an equally dangerous quantity of arms we can do nothing—New York Times.

BIT, DAB, SMIDGIN

Most labor people don't share most of the attitudes of the Trotskyite weekly, Labor Action, but with this comment on the President's messages most labor people will agree:

Eisenhower came out for a dab of public housing, a mite of increase in the minimum wage, a smidgin of federal aid to the schools, a bit of public health aid, and so forth.

GOOD NEWS

The news for unity on the labor front is good—good for us and very bad for our anti-labor enemies. The "divide and conquer" boys see disaster for many of their schemes provided organized labor as represented by the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. has the wisdom and the foresight and the good common sense to effect an amalgamation.—Electrical Workers Journal.

MONORAIL

We read with considerable interest of a development in our line of work that is intriguing to say the least. We refer to a form of local transportation, untried in this country, which seems to be attracting attention among some substantial elements of our industry. It is the Monorail—Motorman, Conductor and Motor Coach Operator.

CHURCHILL

Her Majesty's government has no intention of departing from the established tradition in this country, under which the trade union movement is left to manage its own affairs to the fullest possible extent without Government interference. (Winston Churchill, in statement made January 19, 1954.)

ANSWER: NO!

The President . . . is a man of infinite good will . . . But does he have the boldness, let alone the skill, of his convictions? Above all, does he have the courage?—TRB in the New Republic.

JESS GARCIA, a member of Retail Clerks 870, announced his marriage here on December 19. Jess is a produce clerk at Safeway Stores in Pleasanton.

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EDITORIALS

Our Goal Is to Raise Jobless Pay, Not Merely Bump Burkett

State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty has been quoted in the daily press as saying that Governor Knight's Employment Director William A. Burkett "wants to eliminate fraud by eliminating claimants' of unemployment insurance benefits."

Brother Haggerty has put the case very well. Burkett is an enemy of the unemployment insurance program. Labor people certainly had a right to suspect this, considering the man's background, when Knight first appointed him a year ago. For Burkett had been working for an employers' group greatly interested in cutting down the cost of the unemployment insurance program to the employer.

Knight himself when he succeeded Earl Warren showed such a scandalous indifference to the then rising unemployment, and made such frivolous, heartless remarks on the subject, that it was obvious Knight himself shared Burkett's views, and the views of the employers with whom Burkett had been working.

Burkett now has 77 measures which he has been nursing for some time and which he has felt the Legislature should adopt in order to improve the unemployment insurance program—improve it, that is, from his viewpoint. No informed labor man or woman seriously believes that all 77 of these proposed measures are aimed simply at reducing the possibilities of chiseling. Burkett's background, his savage attacks on those who are so unfortunate as to be out of work, his restoration of the "brain wash" technique of having his agents browbeat and confuse applicants, his preposterous inflation of the extent of "fraud", all indicate that his real purpose is to cripple the unemployment insurance program.

As further confirmation of this all one has to do is to cite the name of the Assemblyman entrusted with the perfumed task of introducing these crippling measures of Burkett's. The favored Assemblyman, the man whose thinking on these subjects fits in perfectly with the thinking of Burkett and of Knight himself is none other than Harold K. Levering (R., Los Angeles) the most notoriously anti-labor man in the entire Legislature today. Enough said!

Knight has declared that he is not "overly impressed" by the protests of organized labor against Burkett's slanders of labor. At the same time Knight has declared that "at this time" Burkett's 77 proposals are not Administration program. This means only one thing—that Knight, no matter what he says, is sufficiently impressed by the protests of organized labor to feel that maybe he'd better not stick his neck out on this issue at this time.

If organized labor keeps after Burkett and Knight as it should, Knight will either run out on his pal and figure labor was to smart for him and for Burkett and for Levering; or Knight will figure that by giving secret assistance to the anti-unemployment insurance forces the anti-labor program will pull through without any public help from him. Then labor could put him on the spot, and demand a veto.

It should never be forgotten that the AFL program in this is not merely negative, to stop Knight and Burkett from wrecking the unemployment insurance program; our program, the official program of the State Federation of Labor, is to get the maximum weekly benefits for the unemployed raised from the present \$30 to \$50. Moreover, Knight has been asked by the conservative Republican Federal Administration, by President Eisenhower and Secretary of Labor Mitchell, to try to get the Legislature to increase the maximum weekly benefit to half the average pay.

So let's keep our eye on the ball. Let's go after that increase to \$50 a week for unemployment insurance, and not get rattled by the noise created by the notoriously anti-labor Burkett and Knight and Levering.

Malarky About the Slums

Bill Stokes of the Oakland Tribune staff did a good job in the January 21 issue of that distinguished encyclopedia telling about the tour of the slums. He led off as follows: "Slums, tragic poverty and desolation of human spirit which all of them could have sworn could not exist in Oakland were seen yesterday by 75 city officials and civic, business, labor, and religious leaders."

Good writing in a good cause! But what a lot of malarky this whole wonderful "discovery" of the slums of Oakland is! Those slums have been there for many years. The labor movement has repeatedly called attention to them. Candidates backed by organized labor have brought the matter up, only to be accused of doing damage to the fair name of the city.

When we of labor were trying to get decent housing for people of low income groups, the Apartment House Owners Association and all the rest of the Ostrich Leagues shouted to high heaven that there couldn't possibly be slums in Oakland. During one campaign which we well remember a loud speaker machine rolled the streets of the slums lying to the people there and telling them that they'd be ruined if decent housing were provided for them.

And at any time if the owner of the Trib had said the word, this whole mess would have been cleaned up. You couldn't hit their head. But now grim economic fact has hit their pocketbook. Downtown Oakland is deteriorating, people are escaping from it by the thousands into the hinterland. The telescope in the Tower has been turned on the slums.

So now we have slum tours of Columbus-like discovery, and we have Urban Renewal. Grand! We're for it one hundred percent, as we've been for decades. But we're not for the malarky. Take it away, lads. It stinks.

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Tractor-Like Saw Plows the Paving, Plows Jobs Under

Most Oaklanders have seen a tractor plowing the earth but when a tractor-like looking mechanism began plowing the concrete pavements of the city recently with a saw a considerable number of "sidewalk superintendents" had to stop and watch the process.

Guy White, member of Laborers 304, was plowing neat strips about a foot wide at 11th and Franklin streets, where East Bay Labor Journal is located, and had quite a crowd around him one day this week.

The mechanism is called the Con Saw Matic, and has only been in use here a little over a month. White is employed by the Ets-Hokin & Galvin electrical concern. Having been here since 1947 he can remember the day when he and his fellow unionists plugged away with picks tearing up the concrete. Now he moves along serenely while the saw plows an absolutely—almost incredibly—straight line.

The strips are being plowed out as part of the operation of installing traffic signals, to provide for the laying of wires.

One labor man, remembering how quite a gang of men used to do this work by hand, and seeing White and the machine do it with one assistant, said it reminded him of the current story of Walter Reuther being proudly shown by an automobile manufacturer magnate all the new automatic production machinery.

"And where," asked Reuther, "are the machines to consume the goods produced?"

Volunteers Sought for Social Agencies' Work

The Volunteer Bureaus of Oakland, San Francisco and San Mateo County announce their second annual combined volunteer recruitment campaign for the month of February 1955.

Urgently needed in the East Bay area are 427 men and women for a variety of jobs in 52 social agencies.

Interview appointment: Phone TW 3-0400.

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Service Distributors (laundry washers) San Francisco
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Telegraph Ave., Oakland
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Telegraph, Oakland
Seifert's Floral Co., 4490 Piedmont Ave., Oakland
University Floral Shop, University
Equipment Co., Berkeley
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Pix, Oakland
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Saturday Evening Post
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AFL Radio News On KGO Nightly

For the lowdown on the news behind the news listen in nightly, Monday through Friday, to the AFL's 15-minute radio news program on Station KGO (810 on the dial) at 7 p.m.

Edward P. Morgan, noted news analyst, is the commentator for the national AFL show.

AFL News Service Brief Dispatches

AFL News Service dispatches stress:

President's budget asks more funds for Labor Department, but the increase allotted for department operating funds is small, most of the boost being earmarked for unemployment insurance and bringing Federal workers under jobless pay program.

"Ike talks aid for schools, ignores it in his budget."

House committees in which labor is interested are greatly strengthened by Democratic appointments.

AFL asking Government to practice better labor relations with its employees.

Proposed 77% cut in TVA budget brings blasts from Congressmen.

AFL urges U. S. to help progressive republic of Costa Rica beat back aggression.

AFL Bus Drivers Local in Washington, D. C. has pledged the wholehearted cooperation of union members with the Capitol Transit Company's new policy of hiring qualified Negroes as bus drivers.

Pension of \$190 a month is provided for members of New York Local 3, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, under new agreement with the industry.

COMMONWEALTH CLUB has voted 105 to 55 that the proposed Bricker Amendment limiting the treaty-making powers of the President would impair the Constitutional separation of powers, and 106 to 58 that existing provisions of the Constitution are adequate to prevent abuse of treaty-making power.

THE NAACP affair is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, at 7 p.m. in the Leamington Hotel.

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shall prevail in the dismantling of such units."

COUNCIL DELEGATES

Council delegates indicated that they would recommend to their respective unions that they donate funds to support an organizing campaign now being conducted by the Tulare-Kings Counties BTC.

The hard-pressed Tulare-Kings labor group is in a crucial struggle with unfair employers in that area and urgently requests each AFL Local to contribute \$5 per month for the next 12 months. The request for funds is sanctioned by the California State Federation of Labor and the Northern California AFL Construction Trades Advisory Conference.

Contributions should be mailed to M. L. Lawrence, secretary of the Tulare-Kings BTC, P.O. Box 861, Visalia, Calif.

NAACP DINNER

Children announced that tickets (at \$5 per plate) to the banquet and installation dinner of the Oakland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People are now available in the BTC and Central Labor Council offices.

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Registration Deadlines For Cities' Voters

If you're not on the Great Register of Voters—and if you failed to vote in both the primary and general elections of 1954, your name has been removed—then here are the deadlines for East Bay City elections this spring:

Berkeley deadline: You must register by February 10 in order to vote in the April 2 election.

Oakland deadline: You must register by February 24 in order to vote in the April 19 primary election.

Won't be any deputy registrars around; have to register either at your City Hall or the County Court-house.

Knight Disowning Burkett, Or Is He Doing a Sidestep?

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litical Education, put out a press release this week headed "Knight Disowns Burkett Plan," Levering Named Employment Department Spokesman."

The press release stated that "Governor Goodwin J. Knight last Friday formally disowned the 'Burkett Plan' for amending the State unemployment insurance law when he told newsmen that he is not supporting legislation introduced by Burkett."

Haggerty in the press release noted that the notoriously anti-labor Assemblyman Levering is introducing Burkett's bill on jobless insurance, one of which, according to Haggerty's release, "would disqualify 73,000 workers, or 11 percent of eligible claimants."

There were differences of opinion among labor people as to whether Knight has "disowned" Burkett's program. Knight told the press, according to one daily, that Burkett's program was not an Administration one "as of now." Another daily quoted him as saying it was not Administration policy "at this time." Either phrase, argued some labor people, doesn't mean that Knight is "disowning," but that he is sidestepping, waiting to see how the weather turns out.

As of now, and at this time the weather was turning out bad, so far as labor was concerned.

Note: An editorial entitled "Our Goal Is to Raise Jobless Pay, Not Merely Bump Burkett" will be found on this page of East Bay Labor Journal.

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Present Officers Have No Opponents At 1st Nomination

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Food Clerks 870; Bud Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546; Roy Woods, Bartenders & Culinary Workers 823; Edrie Wright, Culinary 31. The following among those nominated are incumbents: Benham, Brown, Crowell, Ferro, Lallemand, Maney, Moore, Sander, Stambaugh, Wilkin, Woods, Wright. Incumbents who were not candidates include William Cabral, Teamsters 70; E. H. Vernon, Automotive Machinists 1546. Clancy was a member at the time of his death. George L. Rice, Electricians 1245, declined nomination.

The change in the length of term of office from one year to three years was affected by amendments submitted to the affiliated unions. At this week's meeting the required majority of affiliated unions were announced to have voted for the change, and they were declared adopted.

INCUMBENT OFFICERS renominated without opposition were:

President — John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52

First Vice President — Edna Lallemand, Building Service Employees 18

Second Vice President — Ed M. Ross, Oakland Federation of Teachers

Corresponding and Recording Secretary—Robert S. Ash, Food Clerks 870

Assistant Corresponding and Recording Secretary—William P. Fee, Milk Drivers 302

Secretary-Treasurer — H. J. Badger, Cooks 228

Sergeant-at-Arms — Eddie Maney, Laundry Workers 2

Trustees — 3-year term: Jack Faber, Cooks 228; 2-year term: Charles Jones, Food Clerks 870; 1-year term: W. Douglas Gelfert, Building Service Employees 18.

The trustees' terms of varying length are due to the new amendments to the council constitution. Next year the 1-year term trusteeship will be open for an election for a full 3-year term, the next year the 2-year trusteeship will be, and after that each year one 3-year term trusteeship will be up for election each year.

Since there are 21 candidates for the 15 posts on the important executive committee, and still more may be nominated next week, a lively election on February 7 is expected.

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